

BME PAC Meeting

January 17, 2019

Location: Black Mountain Golf Course Club House



Attendance: Crystal, Rachele, Janelle, Jessica, Jackie, Jamie, Adrian, Carmelle, Dawn, Claire, Teresa, Laurisse, Cory, Katie, Margherita, Janet, Julee

1. Call to Order/Attendance at 6:01pm
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting: Jamie adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Margherita seconded it. Jackie adopted the agenda for this meeting and Jessica seconded it.
3. Introductions by Julee
4. Officer's Reports:
  - a) President's Report by Julee: No report.
  - b) Vice President's Report: No report.
  - c) Treasurer's Report: (Kristy is away) The gaming account has \$2175. The second account has \$8,000 in it. The total of all 3 accounts is \$38,060.67.
  - d) Secretary's Report: No report.
  - e) Fundraising Report by Katie: We posted a poll on Facebook asking for some spring fundraiser ideas. Some of the ideas suggested were hanging baskets, Okanagan lifestyle books, and greenery garden center gift cards. Our fundraiser team will look into these suggestions and come up with some options for us soon.
  - f) Hot Lunch Report by Rachele: To date, we have served 6,723 meals since September! We have done \$33,545 in sales, we have paid \$25,870 to the vendors in our community and we have sold \$1,100 in concession sales. Our profits so far are \$9,595.43!!! Good news, Chantelle and Tara are stepping up to take over the hot lunch coordinator role in September! Rachele discussed security measures to ensure safety.
  - g) Fruit and Veggie Report: Pears will be delivered on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting to hear back about the garden grant.
  - h) COPAC Report by Laurisse: There is a backpack program for kids and families that need food. Kids can come into a classroom and choose their own food to place into a backpack and then take home and give to their families. The program is called Food for Thought and it's through Hope for the Nations. There is also a brown bag program that provides lunches for kids who need a lunch. There was some discussion about whether parents can purchase hot lunches for kids who can't afford them. There was also a lot of discussion at COPAC about the vaping issue that is becoming quite prevalent. There are people willing to come to our school to talk to the grade 5 students about vaping. The flavors and scents are tempting and some kids don't even realize what they are doing. Crystal spoke to the vice principal of Kelowna secondary school about vaping. Discussion on talk about vaping in a grade 5 class and giving them information about vaping. There is a nurse available as well as a RSS student leadership team available to

come and speak to the students. Okanagan College has free dental cleaning for adults and kids. The dental cleaning is done by the hygienists in training at the college.

i) Facebook/Communication: No report.

j) Volunteer Coordinator: No report.

k) Health and Safety Report by Crystal: There is a life size cardboard cop on a trolley (fake cop radar guy) which is supposed to be arriving at our school on Friday so that hopefully the traffic on the highway will slow down. The RCMP will set it up and will place it in the best prime location. Crystal is working on getting walkways colored. She has a meeting next week. It's called a mid-block crossway. There is one by the Landmark buildings if you are curious as to what it looks like. There was lots of discussion about families crossing the parking lot driveway anywhere and everywhere. It's very dangerous. Lots of discussion about re-painting the second crosswalk. Janet would like to see this get done as soon as the snow and ice is all gone. Parking lot ice issues – Adrian would like to know where the worst icy spots are located.

l) Classroom Representatives: No report.

m) Playground Committee Report by Jamie: We are still waiting for some numbers to come in.

5. Principal's Report by Janet: A big thank you from staff to PAC for the Christmas concert dinner. It was very much appreciated. Tomorrow is CAREER Day. We are implementing a new system called School Messenger that will be the new way of reporting for late or absence attendance. There is an app that parents will need to download and use if students are going to be late or away. Safe arrival app. School Messenger app. Parent teacher interviews are coming up soon. February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Those two school days will be early dismissal days. There will be a PAC executive meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. PAC will be providing an early dinner on February 7<sup>th</sup> for all teachers at 4:00pm, a staff dinner, provided by PAC parents. Family Day will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> – no school. There will also be a pro-d day on February 22<sup>nd</sup> – no school. Vanessa Martin has left our school (counsellor). We now have a new school counsellor named Susan Austin. She is very well educated. Kindergarten registration will be happening at 7:00am on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is also a registration day for any new families that have recently moved to our area and need to register for BME. The school catchment isn't totally finalized yet. The grandfather clause is still in effect. If you are already attending BME your kids should be fine. The numbers in September were projected higher than they actually came in.
6. Spotlight on Student Learning by Adrian Zuyderduyn – Design Thinking Report. The Boneyard food truck visited BME today. There is an Expo of Awesome conference coming up in May. The design process starts with empathy. Food truck project for Grade 4 students. The conference will be held at UBCO in May. A question for everyone: What brings you joy?
7. Old Business
  - a) Parking Lot Blitz – Date still needs to be set
  - b) Christmas Concert Dinner – A big thank you from the staff to the PAC for the Christmas concert dinner that we provided. We ordered a variety of sushi from Yamato's and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Also, thank you for the baking and desserts that were sent along too.

8. New Business

a) Securing Our Banking – Julee spoke about BME PAC cheques and the safety and security of the PAC money. We are a 2-signature account. All 3 accounts (Gaming, General and Playground) are all 2-signature accounts. One idea...Encourage a fiscal review report. Red Action Item. Have 2 members at large review the books. Action: Keep bank statements open book. Make books available to any parents who want to take a look. The topic of insurance was brought up. Treasurer role. Allie Becker has volunteered in this role for many years more than the normal 2-year term. Normally a PAC executive position is only a 2-year term. A big thank you to Allie Becker for taking on this role for so many years.

9. Discussion and items for future consideration: Discussion about giving volunteers incentives. Example: If you volunteer for hot lunch you get a free meal for your child. Just one idea... Also, we should consider making the hot lunch coordinator role a 2 person job. Everything to do with our PAC should be available and transparent. Bank statements and books should always be available. Julee reassured everyone that they already are and always will be. Hunter's family (a BME student in Grade 1) was very thankful for the gift card from PAC. Hunter's step Dad passed away at the end of December. There is a Go Fund Me account set up for the family, to help Hunter's Mom cover the costs of raising 4 kids alone. BME staff would like to provide food and meals for Hunter's family. Some parents would also like to contribute. Laurisse Feddersen will set up a meal train website so that parents can sign up for a day and drop off food. Laurisse will coordinate this and arrange delivery.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting: Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Next Executive Meeting: Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am